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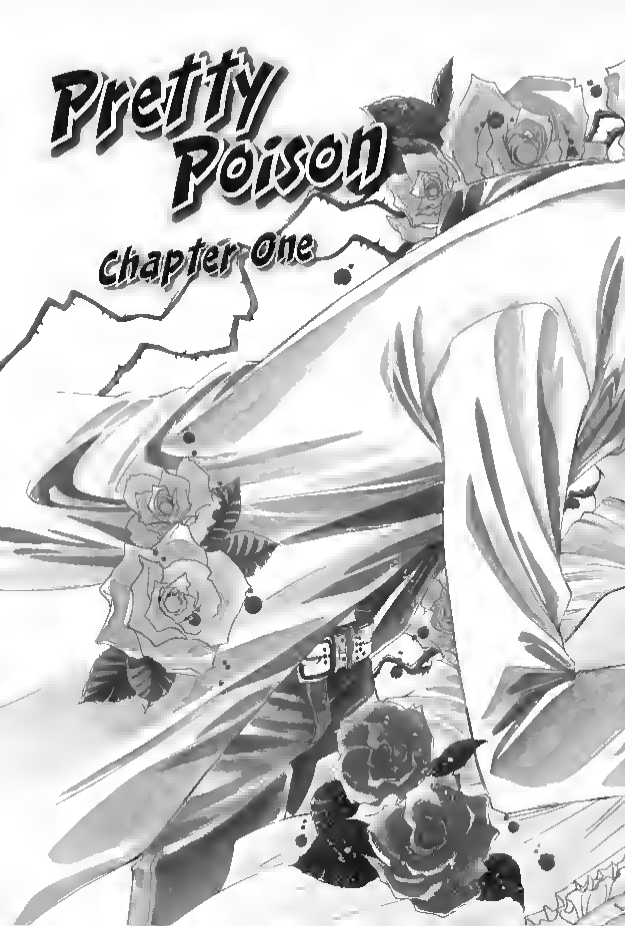
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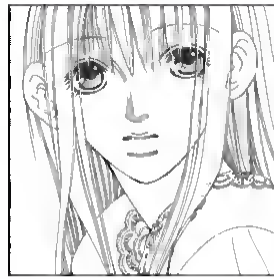


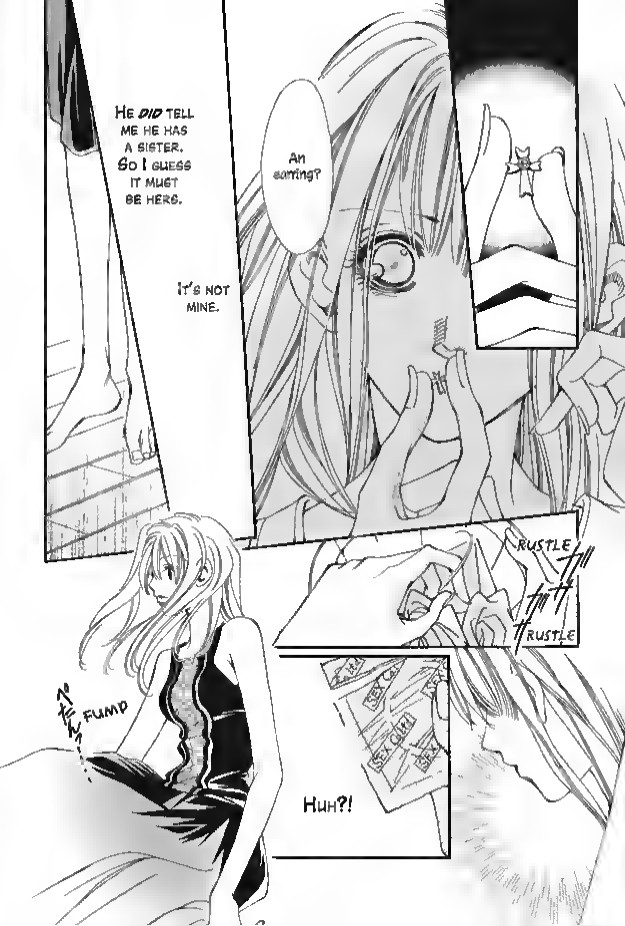
Nobuki?
Has work been really busy lately?
Why?
Well, we hardly see each other anymore.
You never pick up your cell. And it's so hard to reach you.
Are you *so* busy that you can't even make time to see me?
Of course I want to see you, but work has been hectic these days
Then, how about we move in together?

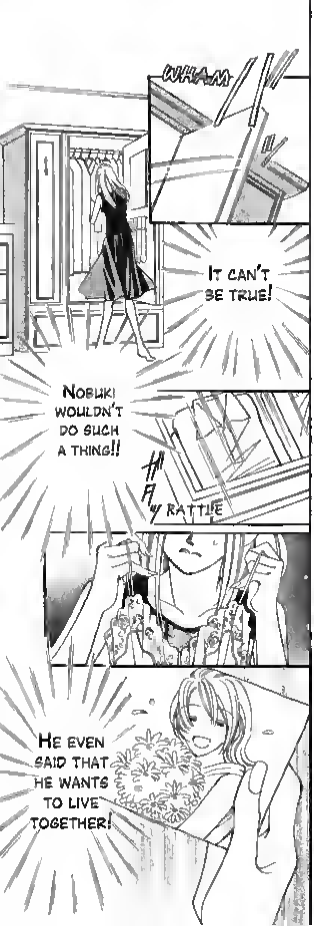
We'll move into a bigger apartment
...and I'll cook you dinner every night!
Hm
Cook me dinner? Sounds nice
AND THEN, SOMEDAY WE'LL GET MARRIED...
BLUSH...
Really?
I'll think about it
Ok, think about it right now
Hurry up!
Yeah, while I take a shower

I CAN ALREADY PICTURE THE TWO OF US SITTING SIDE BY SIDE AS WE TALK ABOUT OUR FUTURE TOGETHER
WE'LL GET A PLACE WITH HIGH CEILINGS...
...AND LOTS OF AMBIENT LIGHTING.
SPSSSHH
Hey Can I ask you for another favor?
Sure I guess.
This one should be a piece of cake. She's pretty naive.

DEEP
Hey
What's going on?
Just do what you ucually do
OK. Got it
What is it now?
Are you listening to me?
When can I see you again?
JINGLE
YANK

If you wanna see me again, get more cash
He must've forgotten...
Wait at home I'll be there soon
Nobuki
...that it's his birthday today
Sure. Let's live together.
But I have to take care of something first, so wait for me at my place. OK?
Nobuki...
His place is always so clean...
Ouch!


He did tell me he has a sister. So I guess it must be hers.
It's not mine.
An earring?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
FUMP
SEX GIRL
SEX
Huh?!


WHAM!
It can't be true!
Nobuki wouldn't do such a thing!!
RATTLE
He even said that he wants to live together!

No way.

RRRING
TRRRR...
TRRRR
RRRING
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!
WHAT'S GOING ON? HE TOLD ME HE'D BE BACK EARLY TODAY.
I GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE.

I don't know WHAT to believe anymore.
Didn't we feel the same way about each other?
I won't jump to any conclusions until I hear from him.
It's Riyako Please call me back.
Please leave a message.

What a coincidence! We don't have plans either.
Your date stood you up?
I'm sure this is all just some misunderstanding
Hey babe, what's a girl like you doing all alone?
BEEP
Wanna party with us?
No! Don't touch me!
GRAB

Sorry, she's mine.
Nobuki?!
なんだって
What the hell?
Let's get outta here
いこうぜ
Are you all right?
Thank you.
My lipstick!
Oh, no
Um what should I do?
どうしよう
What's so funny?
何笑ってるの?
HEH
HEH
HEH

RUB RUB
What are you doing here all by yourself?
Don't you know it's dangerous for a girl to walk around here alone at night?
HE LOOKS YOUNGER THAN ME
Someone's following me.
We gotta go
Huh?

Wh... What's going on?!
We should be safe here.
I'm totally beat. What was *that* all about?
RRRING
TRRR
TRRR
RRRING
Who knows?
What do you mean "who knows"?

Hello, Nobuki?!
Why didn't you return my calls?
I've been waiting for you.
We need to talk. Where are you?
I don't think it's going to work out between us, Kizuka
Sorry, but we're through.
Wait a min—
Beep
Beep
Beep
touch
Can't we talk about it...?

It's OK.
I can pretty much guess what happened, so if you want...
...I'm here to listen.
I think.
...there's another woman
But that doesn't make any sense. I mean, he said we were going to live together.
Why would he dump someone he wanted to live with?
I'm sure there's a good reason why he's acting like this. I just need to find out what it is

Or could it be that he was just playing with you?
And just how would you know?! You're a complete stranger!
SOB
Why don't you just go and find out, then?
Whether he's really cheating on you or not.
You said it yourself, that you "need to find out."
Find out, the truth?

I'm eighteen. My name's Shogo
How about showing me how an adult handles this kind of situation?
Twenty, huh? Isn't that considered an adult?
So what? How old are you?
Hey. How old are you?
I'm not "hey." It's Riyako! I'm twenty.
How rude to ask a girl her age!
I can't. I'm too scared.
But you said you wanted to know
Yeah, I did. But...
Hmph! Fine. Just watch and learn boy

Hmm
SQUEEZE
Let's see...
First I need a disguise
Hi Shogo!
What's with the dorky shades?
I'll disregard that
My boyfriend has a habit of going to the same cafe on weekends for coffee.
Wow, the ex knows everything
I'm not his ex
Is that his apartment?
Should we stay here and see if he has another girl?
Like I said, he's not the cheating type!
Yeah, yeah
He's really smart
And he's so sweet.

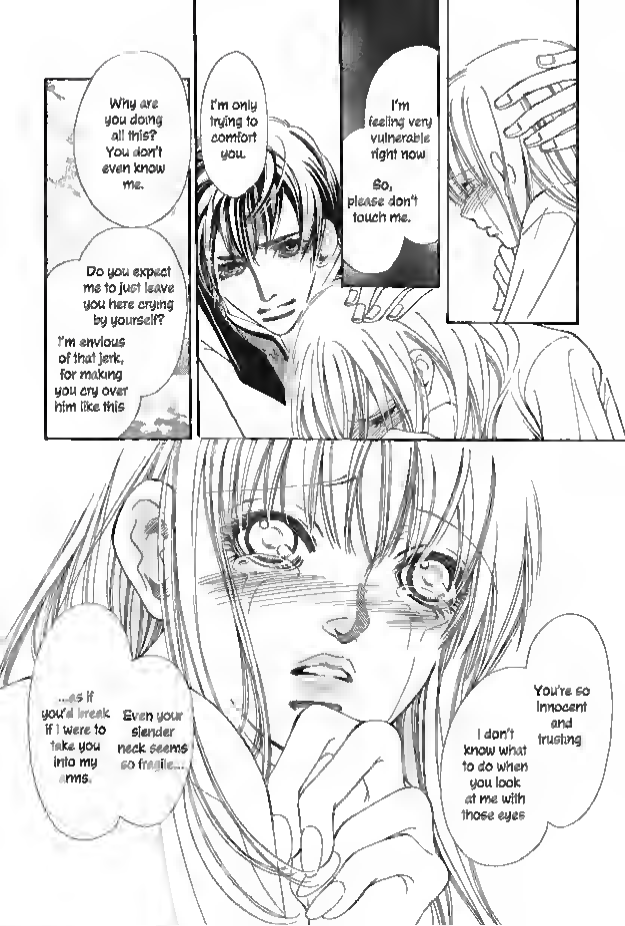
When my kitchen sink overflowed, he even fixed it for me
Don't worry I'll fix it for you
No problem
Is he a plumber or something?
No, he's in real estate
Hmm...
I guess fixing sinks is part of his job
Shut up! It was sweet!
One time, I helped him take out the trash...
Thank you
...and he thanked me
And that's when I fell in love with him.
He tells me he loves me all the time.

Look, there he is!
Where?
The one heading towards the café.
See, I told you.
RING
KING
カラン
Oh They sure look cozy
Hey, what do you think you're doing?
She must be a friend
Getting evidence, of course!
They must really be close friends to be linking arms like that

If not a friend, then she must be his sister!
You don't buy expensive jewelry for your sister
Oh, geez! Get a room already!
HOTEL
A love hotel? In broad daylight?
He's got balls.

Should we wait until they come out?
Though it looked to me like he was totally into her
How long do you need to stay here and watch this?
Before you'll accept the truth in front of you?
Let's go. I'm hungry
I wonder how long they've been dating...
He always told me he was busy working, to think he was really...
You're gonna erase them already?
Dontcha think the pictures came out pretty good?
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

SOB
cheating on me.
If only I could erase my feelings as easily as those photos
RUB RUB


Why are you doing all this? You don't even know me.
I'm only trying to comfort you.
I'm feeling very vulnerable right now
So, please don't touch me.
Do you expect me to just leave you here crying by yourself?
I'm envious of that jerk, for making you cry over him like this
You're so innocent and trusting
I don't know what to do when you look at me with those eyes
Even your slender neck seems so fragile...
...as if you'd break if I were to take you into my arms.

You can use me to make yourself feel better
I'm happy things turned out like this
To tell you the truth...
Because... I fell for you the moment we first met
CHAK
I appreciate your offer, but I can't do that
Thanks for today

PULL
There's no way I can take advantage of him after he's been so kind to me.
BAM

I won't let you go!
Look, I'm not exactly stable right now...
so don't...
I want you.
If you'd like, you can just think of it as *me* taking advantage of *you*
CAN I TRUST HIM?

I thought Nobuki was a really sweet guy
I trusted him, but he betrayed me.
Yeah
I just wanted a happy life with him.
Right.
And a nice home...

FLOP
Was that too much to ask?
No. Not at all
I wonder what went wrong?
PANT
PANT
Your breasts are beautiful
Don't say anything...

You're body is so sexy
GASP
He'll regret losing you.
Ahh...
Uhn.
KISS
Ohh!
Ahh!
LICK

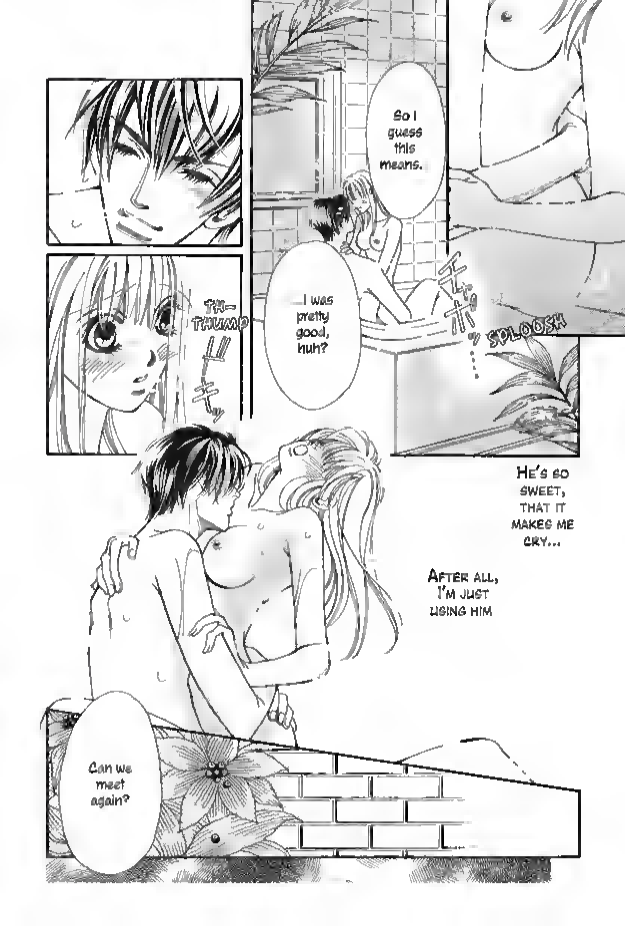
Uh...
Sorry, I can't wait any longer.
You're already so wet
Oh!
An please..
SHOVE
Oh!!
Ahh.

PANT
Nobuki...
GASP
...Nobuki...

Harder!
Please.
Fuck me harder...!
Fuck the pain away
All of it...

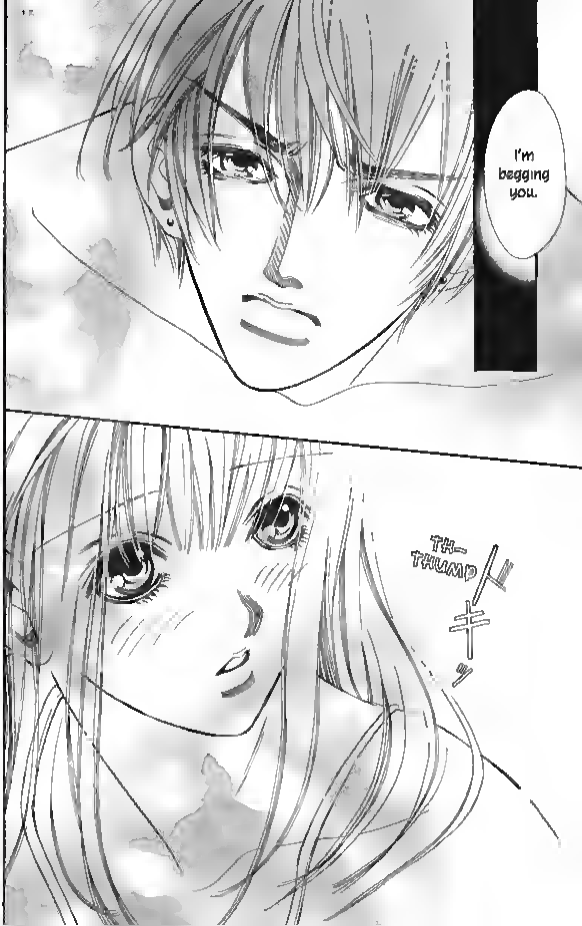
I'm gonna go take a shower
SOB
SOB
SPSSSHH

CHAK
Can we do it again?
I NEED TO BE WITH SOMEONE NOW, OR I'LL GO CRAZY.
Sure

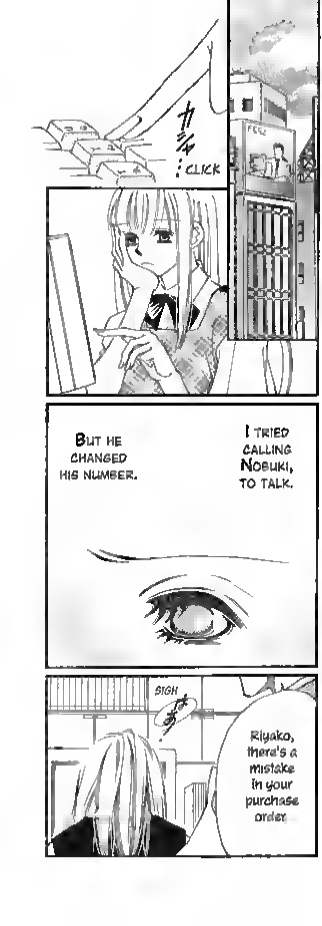

So I guess this means.
...I was pretty good, huh?
SLOOSH
KR-THUMP
He's so sweet, that it makes me cry...
After all, I'm just using him
Can we meet again?

I promise I'll make you happy.
I...
SQUEEZE!

Let's be together
Please!
I'll do anything.
So please, don't end it like this


I'm begging you.
TH-THUMP

You've gotta be kidding me!
I'm really sorry.
I'm sorry, but I can't meet you again.
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
SLAM
I THOUGHT I LIKED Nobuki...
WHY IS MY HEART BEATING SO FAST?


I'M THE WORST.
SOB
SOB
CLICK
I TRIED CALLING NOBUKI, TO TALK.
BUT HE CHANGED HIS NUMBER.
SIGH
Riyako, there's a mistake in your purchase order.

Riyako..?
SPACING IN CLASS...
I'm going to lunch.
But I couldn't bear to face him again after what happened.
If Shogo hadn't been there, I don't know what I would have done.
Shogo?!
Huh?

I went to all that trouble of setting up my room...
...to convince her that I was cheating on her.
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY IS HE WITH Noeuki?
Sae, what did I tell you? Isn't she naive?
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
She actually thought I was serious about her.
She cried while we had sex.
All girls are the same.
No. She's a tough one.
Just my type. But don't worry, I'll get her.

Yeah. Whatever. I'll leave it to you.
RUSTLE
Here's the money, as promised
Good work. I'll call you when I need you again
WHAT WERE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
COULD IT BE THAT THE TWO OF US MEETING "ACCIDENTALLY" WAS PLANNED OUT FROM THE BEGINNING?
WHY IS NOBUKI GIVING HIM *MONEY*?

JUST WHO THE HELL IS HE?!

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Chapter Two

What's going on?
They know each other?!
How?
Since when?
I don't understand any of this.
This is insane.
The only thing I do know is that they are somehow linked.

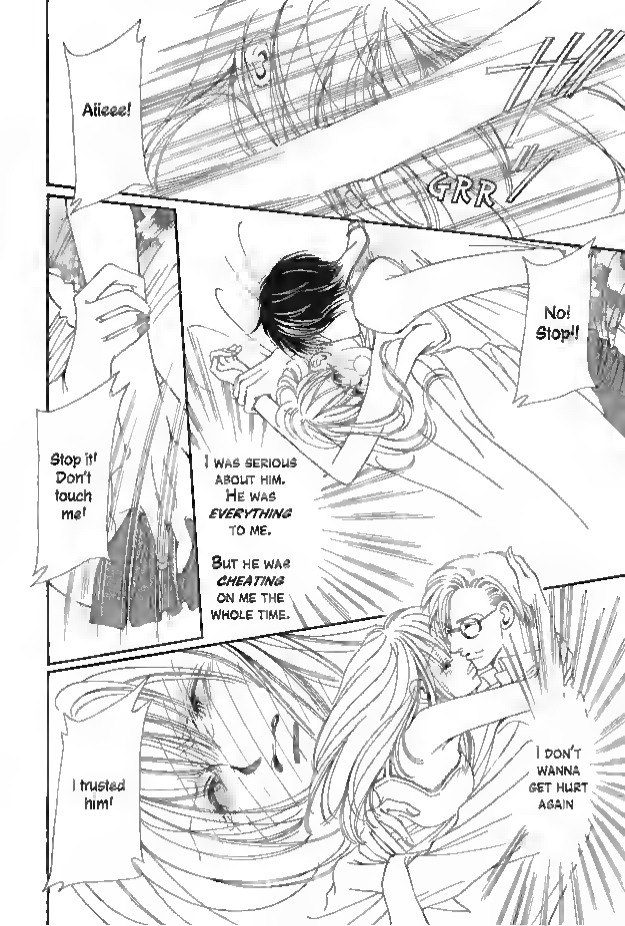
WAS I REALLY THE ONE WHO WAS USING HIM?
Look, Ritsuko! I brought you a present!

How do you know where I live?
There's nothing a man in love can't do!
You asked him, didn't you...?
...I'll get her
Noizuki!
TMP TMP TMP
GRAB
Riyako, wait!
What's wrong?

You're not my guest!
Could I get a drink?
Well, if you know *that* much, I guess I'd better tell you everything
Huh!
Geez, why so uptight?
I saw you having a little chat with Nobuki
You know each other, don't you?
You two are playing some sick joke on me, right?
OK, so the truth is, Nobuki and I are in a homosexual relationship and I can't live without him
Get the hell out!
He's got three other girls, you know.
WHAT?!
Whenever he can't handle one anymore, he asks me for help
He pays me good money Plus, I get to sleep with them It's a win-win situation don'cha think?

THREE OTHER GIRLS...
...BESIDES ME?!
But he said we would live together!
It's your fault he's fooling around
You really are stubborn Don't you get it?
That's what he doesn't like about you.
TOUCH
But since it's over now, you should focus on moving on.
How is it my fault?!
You're too gullible. It's your own fault for not realizing you were being used
CLENCH

Want me to make you feel better again?
Don't touch me.
Don't be mean. You were so nice to me the other day
You guys are the worst! You and Nobuki!!
Don't talk bad about my boyfriend!


Alicee!
GRR
No! Stop!!
Stop it! Don't touch me!
I WAS SERIOUS ABOUT HIM. HE WAS *EVERYTHING* TO ME.
BUT HE WAS *CHEATING* ON ME THE WHOLE TIME.
I trusted him!
I DON'T WANNA GET HURT AGAIN

FLOP
I give up
I've never had a girl reject me, before.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Get out! I don't want anything to do with you anymore!
What?
Well, too bad I'm staying here tonight

So heavy
SINK
UHHHHH!!!
He's SLEEPING?!
ZZZ
PAT
PAT
Hey! Get up! Get up NOW!

SOB
SOB
SOB
You bastard...
I'M SO PATHETIC.
TWEET

What's this?
Protective measures

Go home after you eat.

Doesn't he have a family?

Hmph. So what if he doesn't? I want nothing to do with him.

You know..
I've never had breakfast with someone before.

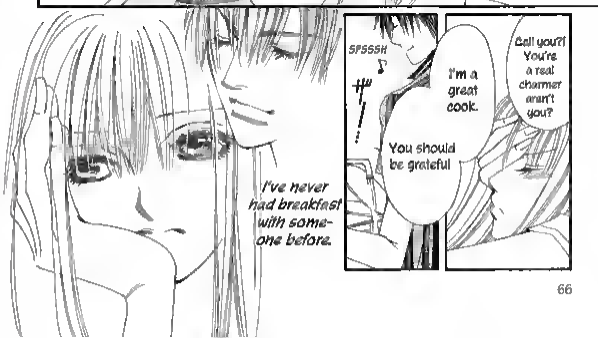
I'll leave the key in the mailbox. Later!
RUSTLE RUSTLE
JUNK
What are you doing? Didn't I tell you to get out?!
You better be gone when I get back!
...
I can't eat this much so early in the morning
Then don't eat, just get out
Could you hurry it up? I'll be late for work.
BA-TUNK
TMP TMP
I CAN'T BELIEVE I WASTED MY TIME ON SOME CHEATING LOSER...
Riyeko
GOD, I LOOK HORRIBLE.
CHUG CHUG

I'LL NEVER LET MYSELF BE USED BY ANYONE EVER AGAIN.
PHEW
FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE MORE DOWN TO EARTH AND LIVE RIGHT.
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
...AND, I CAN'T BELIEVE NOBUKI PAID SHOGO TO DO THAT!
I WANT TO FORGET ALL ABOUT THEM.
Cheers!!
CLINK
Let's have another drink!
Yeah, it's not very big
I've never been to your place before.

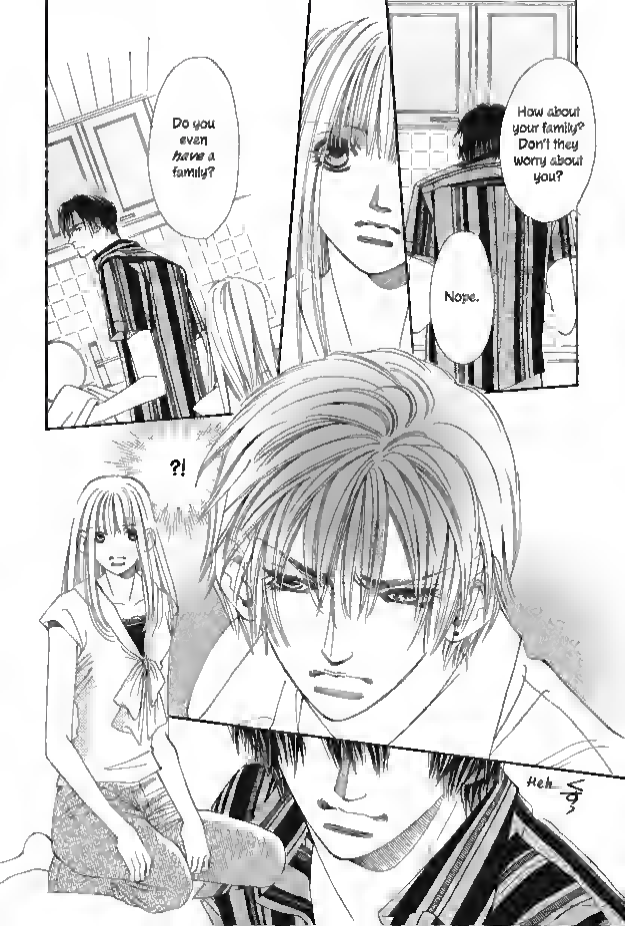
No way.!
You're late.
Why are you still here?
Uh-oh. Your boyfriend?
He's cute!
Well, I guess we should be going now
Hey, wait. Please stay. Don't go!
That's right! Stay! I made some food
Do you want some?
I used Ryoko's cookbook. I hope you'll like it.
Wow! Did you make all this?

He's cute!!
WHATEVER...
Why you...
You're wrong! He's my brother!
You're so lucky to have a boyfriend that cooks for you, Riyako!
Yeah. I'm her little brother. Right, big sis?

SLUMP
You should have called me, I would've made more.
They seem like nice girls.


I've never had breakfast with someone before.
SFSSSH
I'm a great cook.
You should be grateful
Call you?! You're a real charmer aren't you?

Just how long are you planning to stay here?
!
I like the domestic life.
And what if I did?
Don't tell me you wanted to eat dinner with someone.
What were you waiting here for?
Huh?!
Someone's following me...
...remember?
Oh, yeah Who was that?
HEH HEH HEH
Someone who's after my money
Well, I'm tired of moving around So I think I'll stay here for a while.

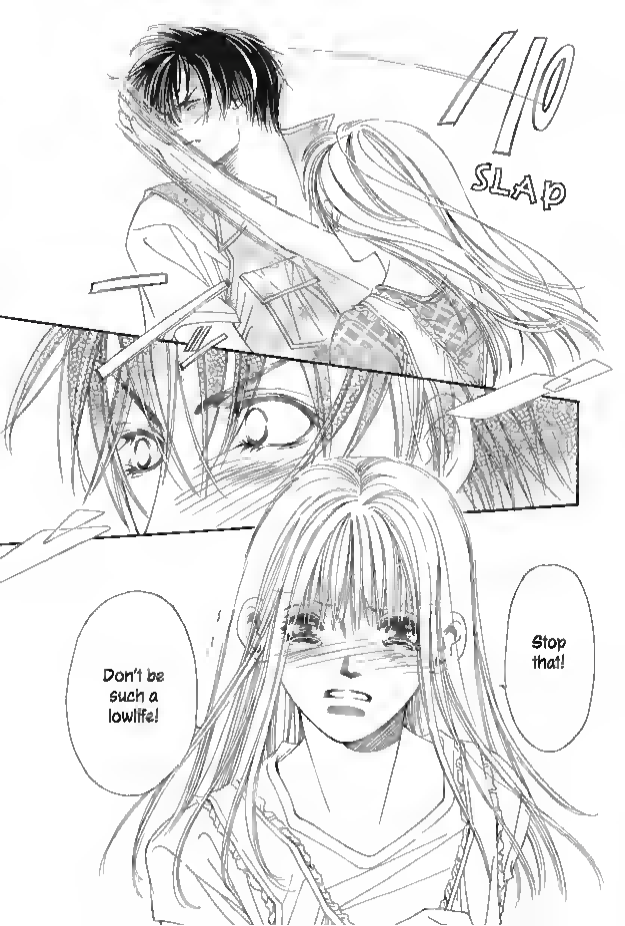

Do you even have a family?
How about your family? Don't they worry about you?
Nope.
?!
Heh

PHEW
Get!! Out!!
You really are naive. I stayed here to have more sex with you.
Seeing your face when you come...
...really turns me on.
BLUSH
Get out!!
It's been three days...
Not again
That guy is definitely a player. Any innocence I thought he possessed is nonexistent.
Not to mention he's a shameless liar.
He's like a devil wearing the mask of an angel.
Still...

PUNCH
STRIKE 2000円
OUCH!
Doesn't it feel like we're on a date?
Why are you following me?
I need to go this way, too.
Hey, Shogo!
Oh, so I guess you haven't been home.
Where do you think? I'm shacking up.
Where've you been? I haven't seen you at school

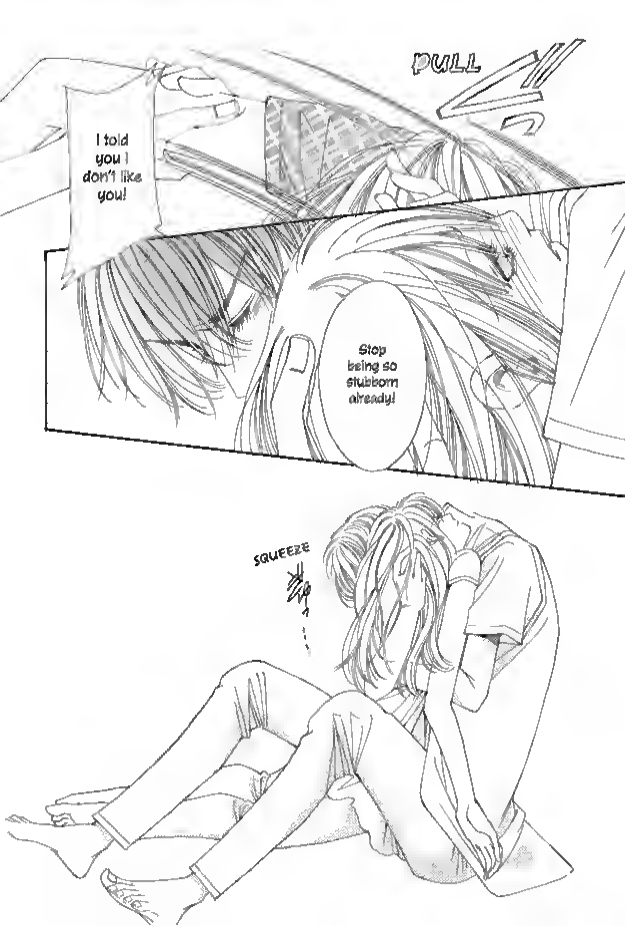
You know that nasty teacher, Mr. Hayashi? He tried to touch me.
He did? Don't worry, I'll teach him a lesson.
I GUESS HE'S POPULAR AT SCHOOL.
Call me anytime
So it's true. You're really eighteen.
Are you jealous?
Was that girl your classmate?
Of course not!
Don't you need to go to school?
What's the point? It's not like I'm gonna learn anything useful.
Plus, it's boring
Don't you have a dream, though?
Of course I do. To have as much sex as possible
Whatever. Well, I had lots of dreams. Like becoming a model or an actress.
You're kidding!
...but now I work for a good company and my dream is to someday marry a guy I love

That's enough.
You're too young to give up
You're still only eighteen You should work towards your dream
But it was just a dream.
I drove a circuit once when I was younger
That's cool!
Hmm.
Well, I wanted to be a Formula One racecar driver
Really?
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
He's blushing. How cute.
Shogo? Where are you?
Why
don't you come see me anymore?
Annoying bitch I didn't go back because she couldn't afford me.
CLICK


SLAP
Stop that!
Don't be such a lowlife!

I WAS STUPID...
TMD
TMD
TMD
That hurt...
.. TO THINK HE WAS CUTE, EVEN FOR A SECOND.
Ow My hand hurts

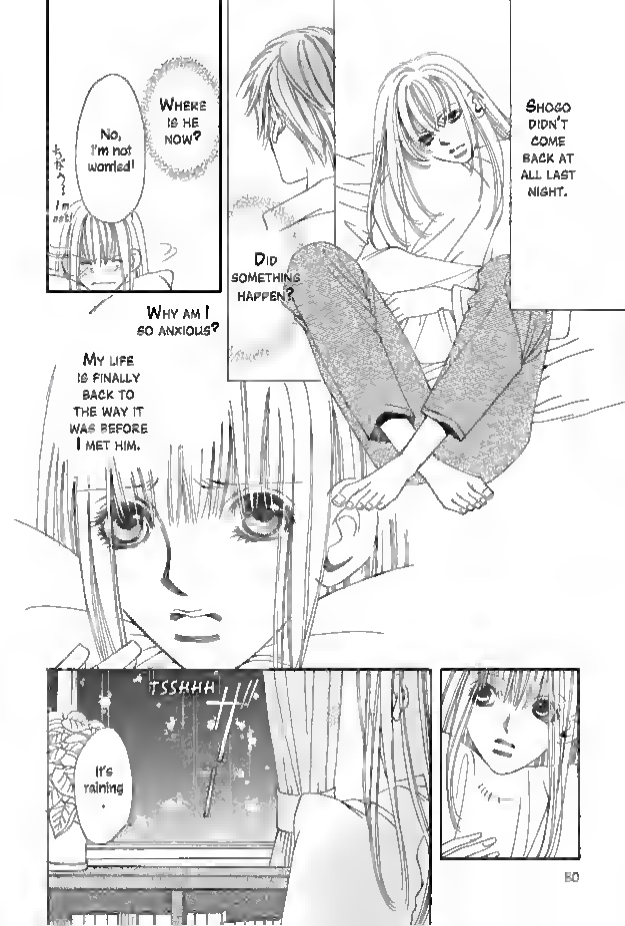
JOLT
If you can't figure out why, then don't ask.
Why are you so upset?


PULL
I told you I don't like you!
Stop being so stubborn already!
SQUEEZE

WHY CAN'T I PUSH HIM AWAY?
WHY DOES MY HEART RACE WHENEVER I'M WITH HIM?
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING

Hello?
That girl's in front of my apartment.
Let me talk to Shogo!!
Do something about it.
Shogo?
BA-TUNK
What do I have to do to make you mine?
Shogo..

Hey
Isn't it enough that I sleep with you?
So what?
BA-TUNK
How can you treat me like this?
I know you have another girlfriend!
Now stop bothering me
BLUSH


Where is he now?
No, I'm not worried!
I'm not!
Why am I so anxious?
Did something happen?
Shogo didn't come back at all last night.
My life is finally back to the way it was before I met him.
TSSHHH
It's raining.

DOD
SHOGO!
What are you doing here?

Wait. Weren't you looking for me?
Anyway, I'm in a rush. So goodbye.
You're a bad liar
Stop being so full of yourself I don't have time to play with some kid
This umbrella is
You missed me, right? You *need* me, don't you?

Say it
That's not true.
Say it
Oh!!
RAM

CREAK
PANT
PANT
Shogo...
GASP
PANT
Shogo...
KISS
LICK
You're so wet I thought you didn't like me.
I don't like you. I hate you
RUB
RUB

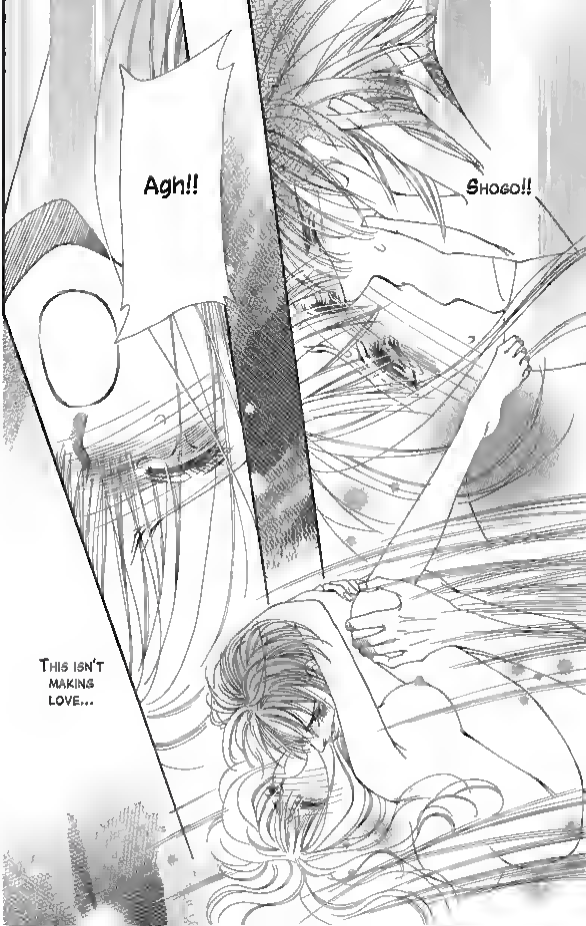
Someday, you'll pay for playing with my feelings!
Oh?
You think you can scare me away?
Now, I'll play with you even more.
I won't stop until you come.
His KISSES STING...

BITE
No!
Open your legs wider.
Owl
That hurts!
No...
Stop.

I SHOULD HATE HIM, BUT...
Coming so soon? You're such a horny girl
I DON'T HATE HIM...
Uhn!
Oh!!
LICK
KISS
SUCK
SHOVE
Ah!

PANT
PANT
THRUST
Hey...
...do you really hate me that much?
I'm gonna *fuck* you till you break!
Well too bad!!

No matter how much I struggled, I couldn't stop myself from becoming addicted to his poison.


Agh!!
Shogo!!
This isn't making love...

The rain still hasn't let up.
Why does he look so unhappy?
Shogo...
Huh?

Shogo, where are you taking me?
TSSHHH
What— Is it?
Oh, I see. So that's the girl!
Shogo!

You bitch! Shogo's mine! No one else can have him!
STAB
Stop!!
Shogo?!

So I guess this is my payback...
THUD
Shogo!!
No!!

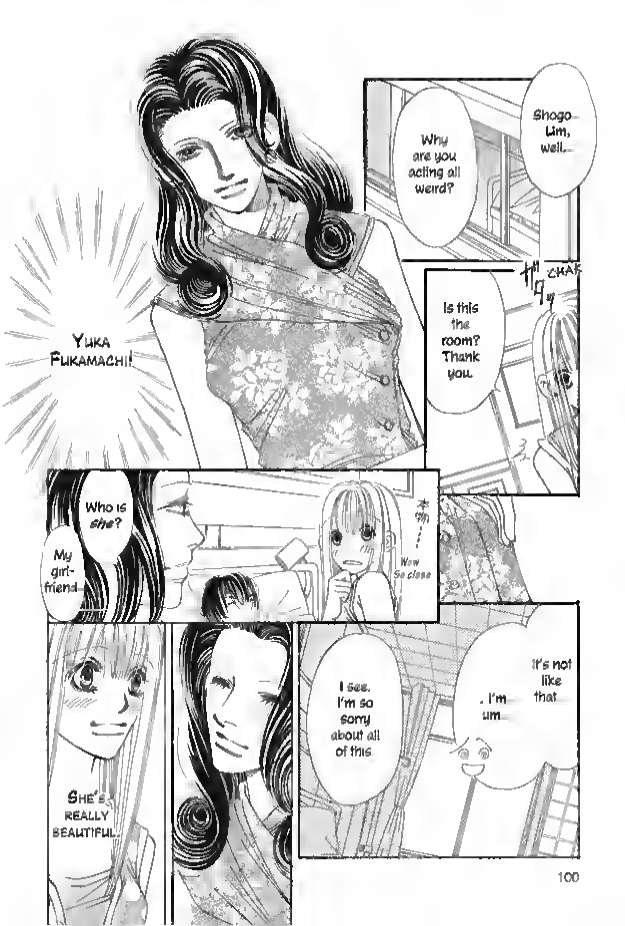
Pretty Poison
Chapter Three

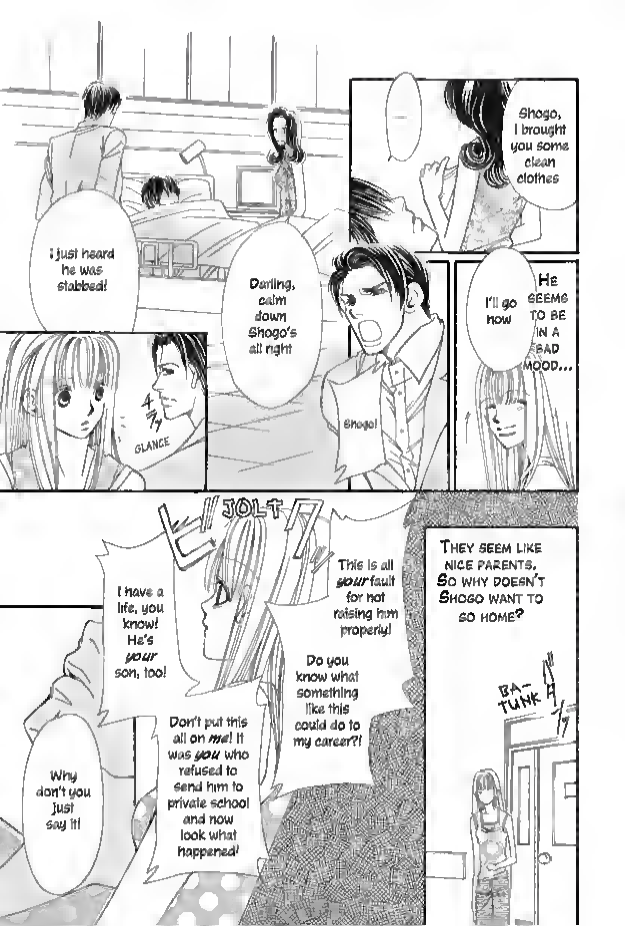
Life is more fragile than you think...
HOSPITAL
Well, I hope you've learned your lesson and start a normal relationship.
She fell in love with me, so I used her and took her money.
That girl was one of Nobuki's ex-girlfriends. He gave her to me after he got tired of her.
Shogo's mine!

WHEN I SAW ALL THAT BLOOD COMING FROM HIS BODY...
...I WAS SO SCARED THAT I COULDN'T STOP SHAKING
WAS I AFRAID OF BEING STABBED TOO?
...OR WAS I AFRAID OF LOSING SHOGO FOREVER?
Hey, dontcha think...
..hospitals are sexy?
It kinda puts me in the mood
Ouch!
SLAM
Idiot!
HUFF
That hurt

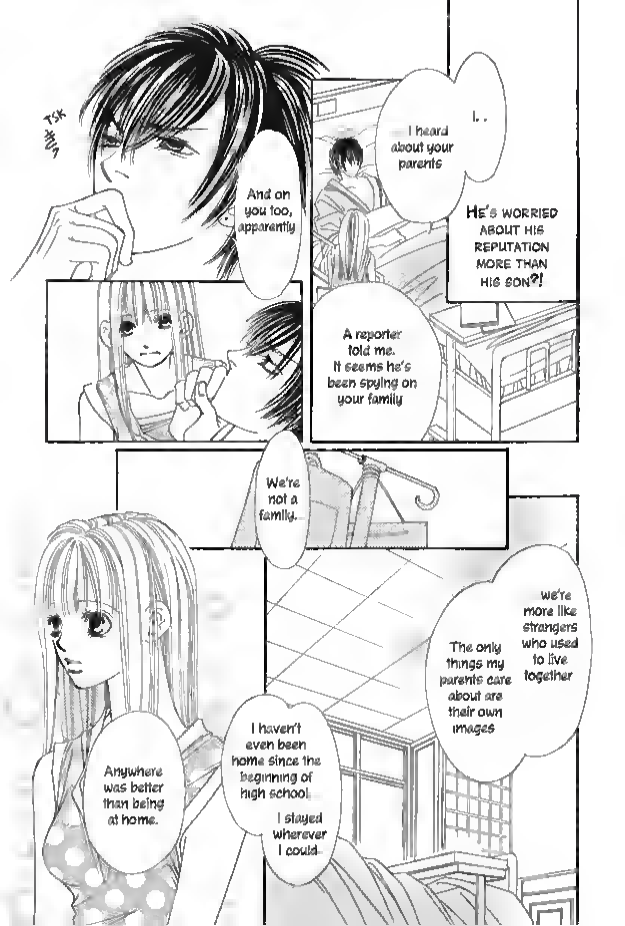
Excuse me, miss...
CLUNK
Yes?
Can I talk to you for a second?
I STILL DON'T KNOW.
WEEKLY ENQUIRER
I understand that Mr. Shogo Agatsuma was brought to the hospital suddenly
Huh?
A REPORTER?
WHICH OF THOSE FEELINGS WERE TRUE?

JOLT
He's living with you, isn't he?
Who is this guy?
So...
tell me what happened.
I'm not sure.
Don't be shy
I've been closely watching his family.
What for?
You're kidding, right?
"After all, he's the only son of Parliament member Kyogo Agatsuma and actress Yuka Fukamachi."
HUFF
Ryuko?


Yuka Fukamachi!
Shogo
Um, well...
Why are you acting all weird?
CHAK
Is this the room? Thank you.
Who is she?
My girl-friend
Wow
So close
She's really beautiful...
I see. I'm so sorry about all of this
It's not like that
. I'm um...


Shogo, I brought you some clean clothes
He seems to be in a bad mood...
I'll go now
Darling, calm down Shogo's all right
I just heard he was stabbed!
Shogo!
GLANCE
They seem like nice parents, So why doesn't Shogo want to go home?
BA-TUNK
JOLT
This is all *your* fault for not raising him properly!
I have a life, you know! He's *your* son, too!
Do you know what something like this could do to my career?!
Don't put this all on *me*! It was *you* who refused to send him to private school and now look what happened!
Why don't you just say it!

That you'd be better off if I died
"I've never had breakfast with someone before."
Doctor
We would appreciate your discretion in this matter
What with the election coming up and all..
Consider this a little thank you gift. Here.
SQUEEZE

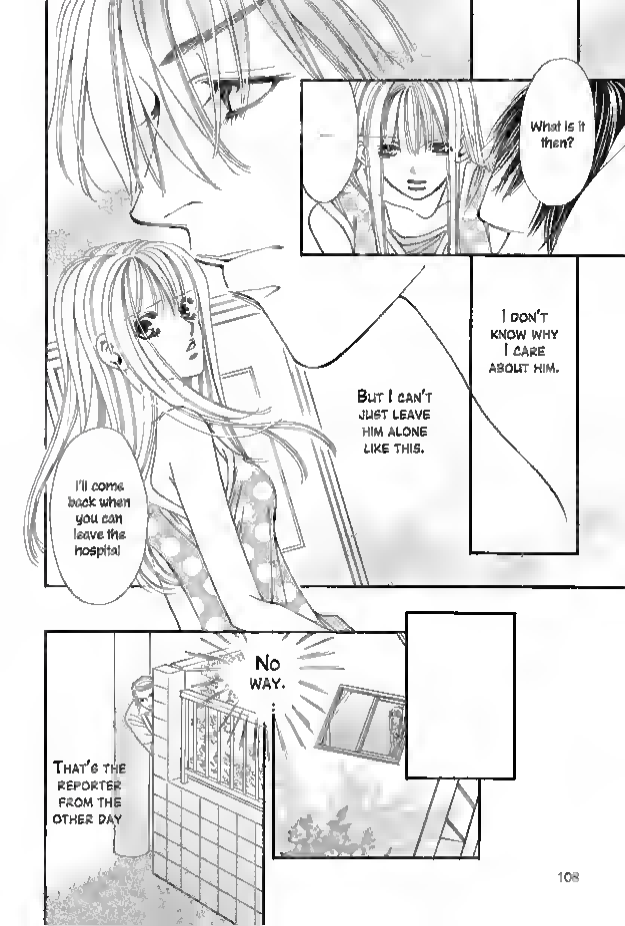

I..
I heard about your parents
HE'S WORRIED ABOUT HIS REPUTATION MORE THAN HIS SON?!
A reporter told me. It seems he's been spying on your family
And on you too, apparently
We're not a family.
We're more like strangers who used to live together
The only things my parents care about are their own images
I haven't even been home since the beginning of high school.
I stayed wherever I could.
Anywhere was better than being at home.

...I wanted to show you.
That night...
What?
TH-THUMP
Shoso...
But I couldn't take you there because this whole mess happened
I wanted to show you.
...the huge, empty house I left
Hi.
Huh?!

Nobuki?!
Geez Shogo, be more careful next time
You're always getting into trouble.
Always? Have you two known each other for a long time?
Yeah. He kept following me around, so I let him stay with me for a while and took care of him
I came here to see how he's doing
By the way, I'm having trouble with a girl again So I need your help, Shogo
...

Get out! Leave Shogo alone, you jerk!
You...
...heartless bastard!
You SHOULD'VE BEEN THE ONE TO GET HURT!
Don't come near him again!
;;; Whatever
I'll catch you later, Shogo
Promise me you won't see Nobuki again
He's just using you.
Shogo, promise me.
You're concerned about me?

Shoga, why don't you come and live at my place?
You need to finish school, chase after your dreams, and be happy.
You're gonna ruin your life if you keep this up.
SQUEEZE
Shut up!!
I'd rather die than accept your pity!
It's not pity!


What is it then?
I don't know why I care about him.
But I can't just leave him alone like this.
I'll come back when you can leave the hospital
No way.
That's the reporter from the other day

Oh no. What should I do? I can't bring Shogo to my apartment.
Mr Agatsuma seems to have checked out already
Who picked him up?
I don't know
HUFF
Why don't you trust me?
You're annoying Just leave me alone.

What are you doing?
When I was little and my tummy hurt
my mom would put her hand here, and the pain would stop
I won't leave you alone!!
You're in pain, right?
Your mom, huh?
I don't wanna do this.
That's right! I have an idea.

But I HAVE TO PROTECT HIM.
Well, I don't really want you to either
We have no choice You need rest
But, I don't wanna go to your parents' house.
Hello.
Hi.
Oh, Riyako You're back?

Oh! AGH!!
Mom! Dad! Riyako brought back a boyfriend!
Word gets around fast.
Do you know all of them?
Well, this is a small town
HA HA HA
I just thought we'd stay here a little while.
Are you guys getting married?
Thanks for coming all this way
There's plenty, so help yourself
With a guy? Is that OK?

How old are you, son? You seem young
I'm twenty-one, sir
And I'm serious about asking for Riyako's hand in marriage.
Wow, HE'S A GOOD LIAR.
I see. My daughter's a handful, so take good care of her
Did she tell you about her wanting to be a pop singer?
Oh, I gave up on that one.
She has a strong sense of right and wrong
And, that's why she's your favorite.
Yohei, don't steal food from my plate! I'm saving those.
CHOMP
Sorry, we're a noisy bunch.
I don't mind

This is my diploma from kinder-garten
Hey, you're *naked* in that one.
Don't be vulgar!
And this is when we went to an amusement park.

Wow! These sure bring back lots of memories...
UGH!!
YIKES!!
You've got tons of pictures.
My parents took me everywhere when I was a kid
Ah! Don't look!
Is he your ex?
You see, back in high school, I had crushes on boys all the time.
Guys were all I ever thought about.
Hmph!
Don't fall in love so easily
Especially with guys that look so *stupid*
Don't tell me you're jealous
Shut up

I don't have a single picture of me with my family.
Don't be ridiculous.
You've met my parents
They only think about themselves They're not like *real* parents
I'm sure they have *some* pictures
A family man, huh?
I thought you had a dream.
I do. My dream is to marry a nice guy and have a happy family.
WHY DO I FEEL SO HAPPY?
Of course, I don't want a guy like *you* I want someone mature, who doesn't lie, and who will always protect me.

Like in the back of a closet... waiting to be found someday...
You're too optimistic.
HMPH
Stop that!
But I'm curious!
Idiot!
I don't like being home because I never have any privacy

Shogo...
I used to come here whenever I was sad.
So, I wanted to show you this place.
Wow

I don't need a family.
I prefer being alone.
You're lying
You don't *really* want to be alone, right?
You can tell *me* you're lonely, you know? And if you need me, you can just call.
Don't just keep everything inside. It'll only make it worse.

Don't be rude. It may look cheap compared to *your*-
You know, you guys have really simple furniture—
No I *like* your furniture.
I wanted to feel like I was important to someone.
I wanted brothers.
I wanted nice parents.

Why am I even telling you all this?
HUSSH
I need to go home.
Do you feel uncomfortable here, Shogo?
I know it was my idea to bring you to my parents' house, but...
It's not that
I think it's time for me to work things out with my parents I don't know how long it'll take.

...but I wanna be the kind of man you can love
WAIT!
SHOGO, WAIT..
But I'm already in love with you, Shogo.

I thought you hated me.
No I love you.
I've never been so nervous before.
Me too
This is so embarrassing
BLUSH

Riyako...
Riyako...
Oh...
Uhm...
... IN HIS ARMS.
SHOGO'S HOLDING ME...
PANT
PANT

Uhm...
PINCH
SQUEEZE
Ah, no. Don't touch me like that.
He's covering my body with his sweet kisses.
PANT
PANT

I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONLY ONE FEELING PLEASURE.
H... hey
No.
Wait
You're so pretty, Riyako
I can't
No, not yet
Shogo —!

!!
Unh.
I WANT TO MAKE HIM FEEL GOOD, TOO.
He's so BIG.
Oh God! I've never.
...felt this good...

SHOVE!!
SLIP
Ahh !!
I can't wait any longer!
Oh!!
PANT
PANT
Do you really love me?

Oh...!
Uhn...
Ah...
Shogo...
Yes...!
FAINT
Let me...
FAINT

Shogo, let me get on top
PANT
Just lie back and relax
But I wanna make you feel good
It's OK.
It's not.
Yes it is!
I'm glad you weren't the one who got stabbed...
HA HA
HA
Silly boy
I'M SO GLAD...
...THAT I DIDN'T LOSE HIM.

...I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!
SHOGO...

You can see...
so many stars here
Are you going now?
Yeah.
I didn't know sex could make you feel so... connected.
I won't stop you, but I'll cry when you leave.
I'll wait for you.

Riyako, even if you find another guy you like...
—I swear I'll get you back.
I'll be the kind of guy you always dreamed of.
I LOVE YOU.

Gasp!
Gasp!
Gasp!

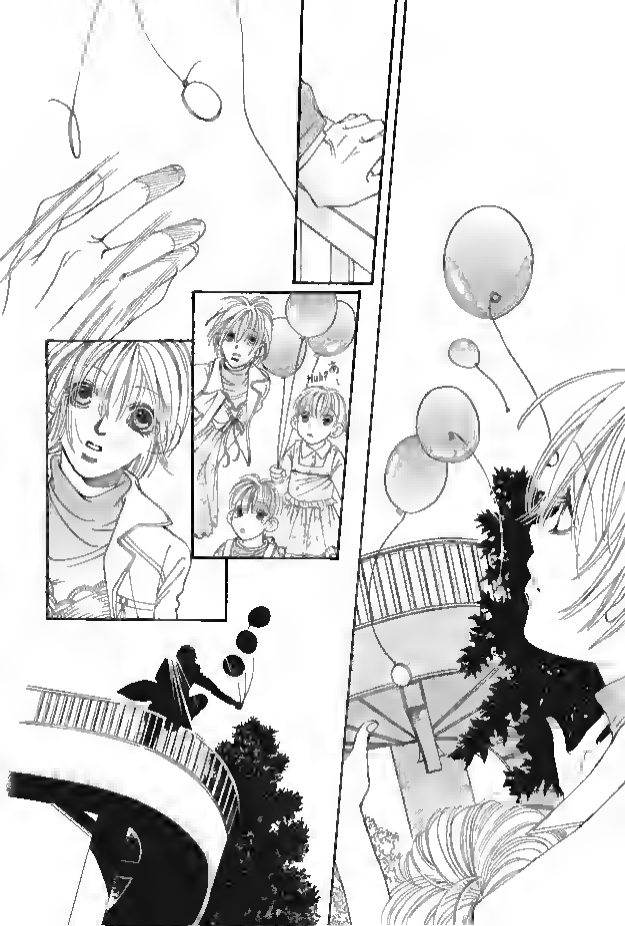
Thanks.
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU, I'LL LET YOU GO ...
...UNTIL THE DAY YOU COME BACK TO ME.
Good. They're all erased
Shogo's got me hooked. What is it that I love about him so much?
I MEAN, HE'S ROUGH, HE HAS A BAD ATTITUDE...
.. AND HE LIES ABOUT HIS AGE.

But he has so much *strength.*
I've never been in this kind of relationship before
I'm so glad I met you.
Worried Ro.

Good morning.
Huh? Riyaka?!
You look cute!
I totally didn't recognize you!

It's Shogo's mom.
And then... poof
Shogo... I wonder how he's doing

Why do I feel so calm?
Every time I've gotten my heart broken, I've cried.
But when I think about Shogo, it only gives me strength.
I want to be as strong as he is, someday.
BONK
Oh, I'm sorry!
My balloons!


Huh?

SHOGO!

Did you... ...know it was me right away?
Of course. You haven't changed
...
I took a trip with my parents
We talked about a lot of things
JOLT
I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO LOOK AT HIM...

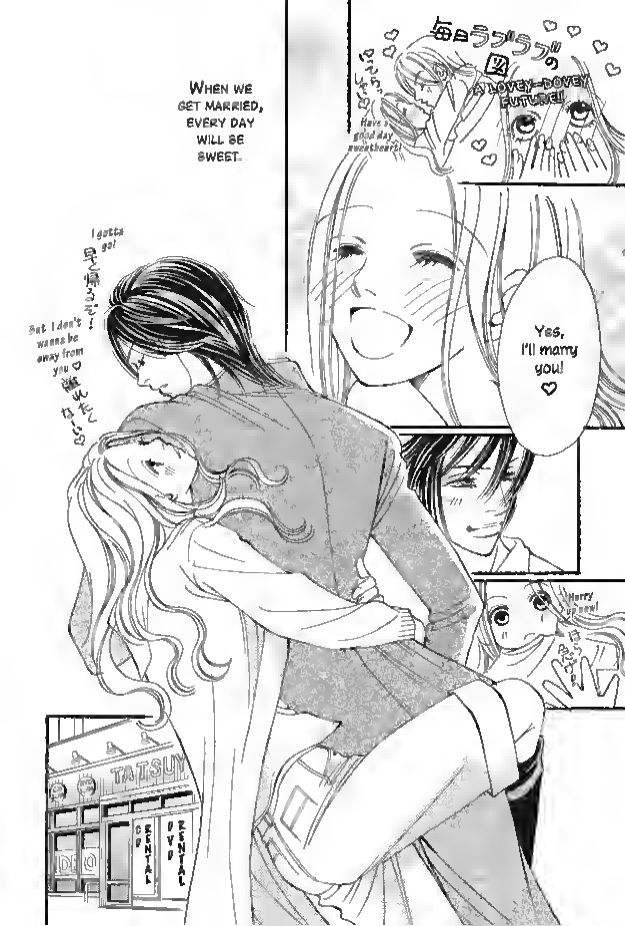
It'll take some time...
—but we get along better than before.
That's great
Is this your school uniform?
Yeah I'm still a senior, after all

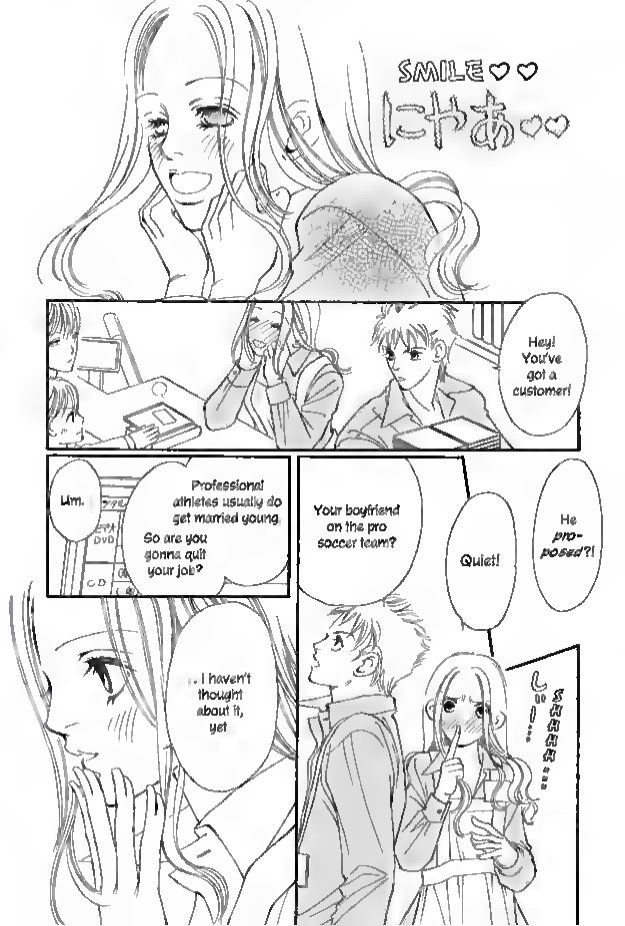
PRETTY POISON ✦ END

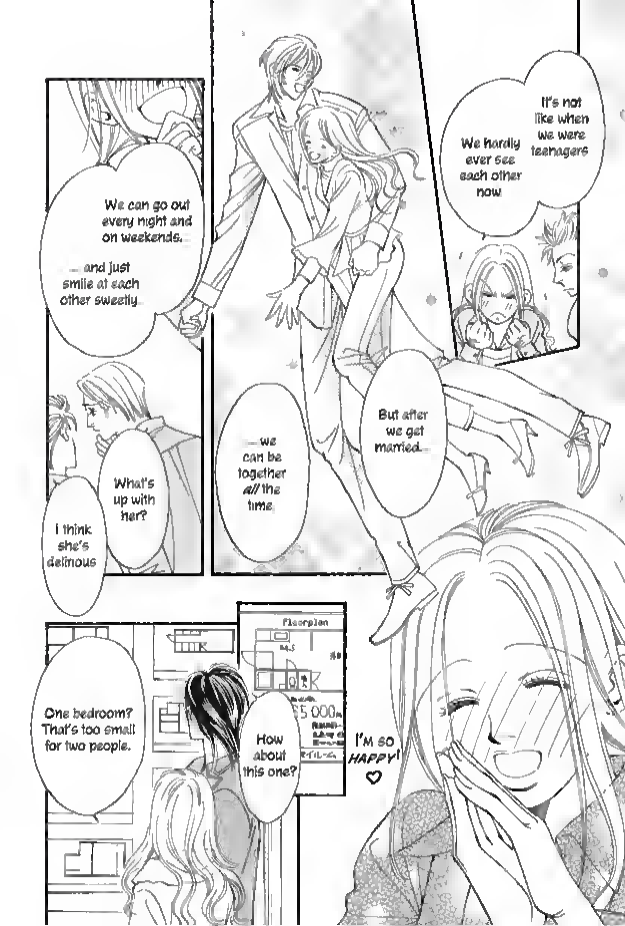
Yuji
Scores

10:32
FWUF
STICK
No!
Let go, Chisa!
I'll be late for the team meeting. I have to get back.
Stay with me a little longer!
Don't be silly
Which do you choose, soccer or me?
Do you love soccer more than sex?
It's my job

Mm
I choose you. Let's get married.
Married? You're asking *me*?
Is there another naked girl in the room?
Seriously, I've been thinking about it for a while.
We can be together *all* the time then?
Uh-huh, and we can *do it* whenever you want.

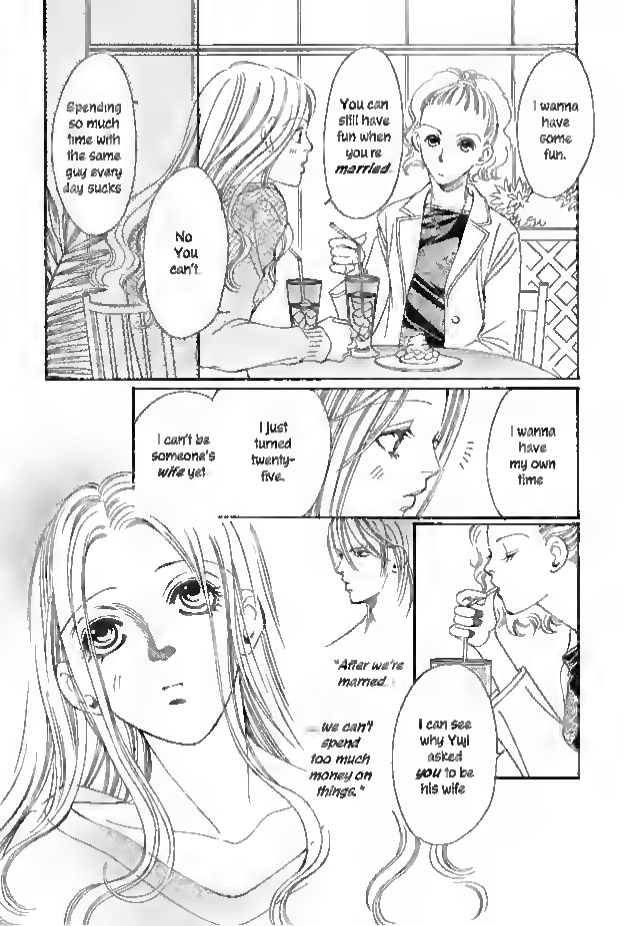

When we get married, every day will be sweet.
毎日ラブラブの図
A LOVEY-DOVEY FUTURE!
Have a good day, sweetheart!
Yes, I'll marry you!
Hurry up now!
I gotta go!
But I don't wanna be away from you
TATSUYA
DVD RENTAL


SMILE♡♡
にやあ♡♡
Hey! You've got a customer!
Um.
Professional athletes usually do get married young. So are you gonna quit your job?
..I haven't thought about it, yet
Your boyfriend on the pro soccer team?
Quiet!
He pro-posed?!
しーっ!!
ﾄﾞｷﾄﾞｷ...


It's not like when we were teenagers
We hardly ever see each other now
But after we get married...
...we can be together all the time.
We can go out every night and on weekends...
...and just smile at each other sweetly.
What's up with her?
I think she's delirious
Floorplan
One bedroom? That's too small for two people.
How about this one?
I'M SO HAPPY!

We're gonna buy lots of new stuff, so I want at least three rooms.
And we *must* have a wide-screen TV, so we need a huge living room.
I don't make enough to pay that kind of rent
After we're married, we can't spend too much money on things
Huh? What about new clothes?!
I wanna go out to eat at least twice a week, too!
What?!!
You need to learn how to save money
Mr. Donal
Huh? What's wrong?
Hey!
I'm hungry. Let's go to a *good* place.
I'm an athlete. I need to eat healthy food.

Like baked chicken.
High protein low-calorie
Healthy food?
Who cares about healthy, if it's tasty?
We're still young!
I've never even had that.
And anything is tasty if we eat it together!
BONK
Don't be ridiculous.
...
Ouch.
Yuu's WIFE.
I LIKE THE WAY THAT SOUNDS!
Being married seems like a real drag
You'll be my wife, right?


I wanna have some fun.
You can still have fun when you're married.
Spending so much time with the same guy every day sucks
No You can't.
I wanna have my own time
I just turned twenty-five.
I can't be someone's wife yet
"After we're married...
...we can't spend too much money on things."
I can see why Yuji asked you to be his wife

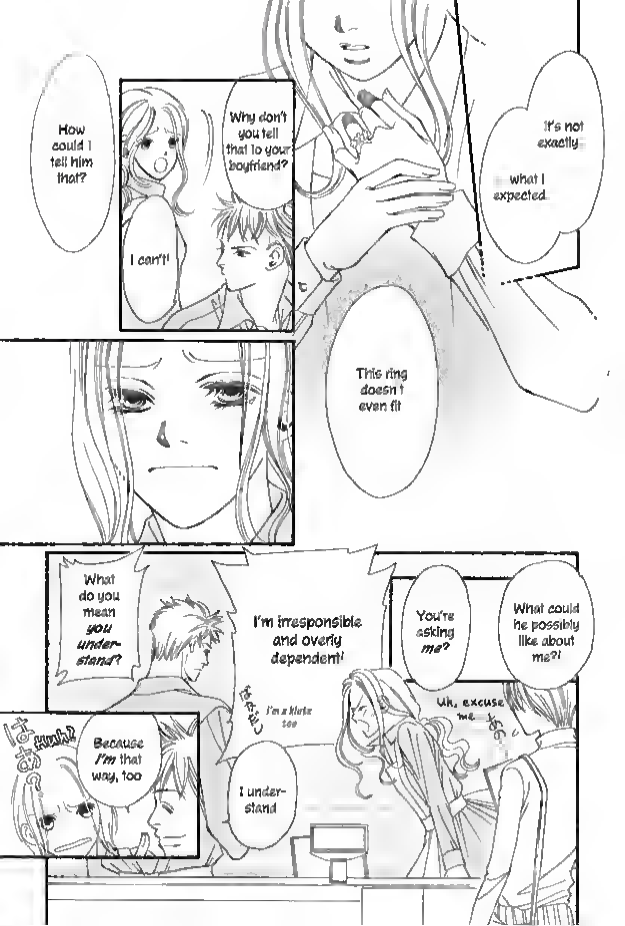
SHAKE
SHAKE
ANYTHING...
I'm gonna learn how to cook Yuji some healthy food!
HMMM!
I would do *anything* for Yuji!
First
His Favorite
SHABBY
What *is* this?
You could kill someone with this
You can't even take care of *yourself*
Huh?!
Mom .. It's .. simmered meat and potatoes.

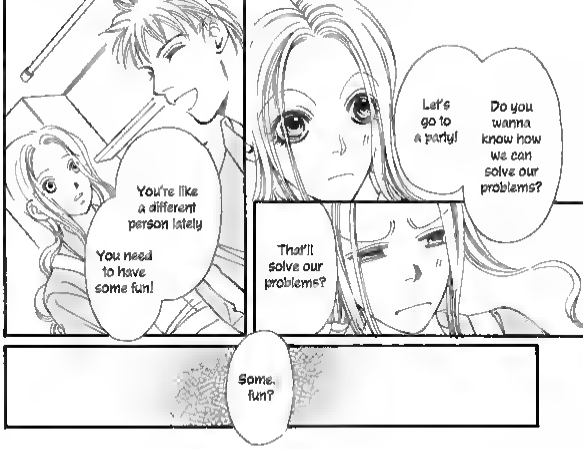
How can you take care of a husband?
HMF!!!
ぶん
Well, I'm glad Yuji's normal, at least
You guys are too young
I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM?!
STAB
I'm not?!
Yuji!

ぶんぶん
WAVE
I haven't seen you for so long!
You're exaggerating It's only been two days
I wanna be with you every day
This one's cute.
3,000 yen
I'll buy it for you.

Here, Chisa...
Thanks!!
ありがとう
Really?!
Sure.
But it's not my birthday or Christmas...
CRINKLE
It's not much, but...
...it'll do for now.

I know we'll be happy.
What's wrong?
Nothing I love it!
It looks cheap— not your style at all.
Oh, is that supposed to be your engagement ring?


It's not exactly what I expected.
This ring doesn't even fit
Why don't you tell that to your boyfriend?
How could I tell him that?
I can't!
What could he possibly like about me?!
You're asking me?
Uh, excuse me
I'm irresponsible and overly dependent!
I'm a klutz too
I understand
What do you mean you understand?
Because I'm that way, too


You're like a different person lately
You need to have some fun!
That'll solve our problems?
Let's go to a party!
Do you wanna know how we can solve our problems?
Some. fun?

It's true, I'm not myself these days ..

I need to find myself again.

Yuji's better looking than *that* guy.
Chisa, I think you're cute
I've never met your boyfriend, but it sounds like you two aren't right for each other.
Pretending to be a different person isn't going to work.
I think you're fine the way you are.
The way I am?
Why does Yuji want to marry *me*?
"I choose you. Let's get married."

Huh?!
All he ever gave you was that silly ring!
Take it off!
I'm not fine at all
I can't do this...
No!
Don't touch me!
MURMUR
MURMUR
I'm leaving.
I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE, BUT I'M NOT READY TO MARRY YUJI.

Chis-?
BEEP
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ANYMORE!
I WANT US TO STAY AS WE ARE NOW.
CAN'T WE DO THAT?
Hey, is something wrong?
I'm in front of your place.

Women aren't allowed in the team dorm
Don't do this again
It's dangerous walking around here alone.
Do you know what time it is?
Chisa?
I don't understand.
I don't understand any of this.
I just want us to stay the way we are now
I thought you understood that.
Sometimes you can't. We're not kids anymore.
Can't I see you?

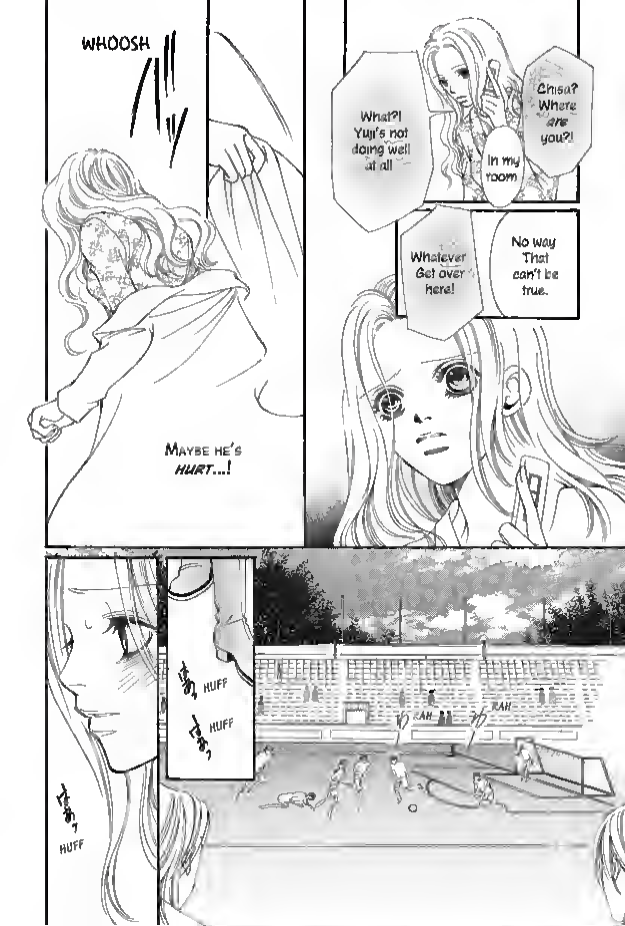
I don't wanna get married
I'm not ready yet!
You know what I'm like. Why did you ask me to marry you now?
Chisa, I didn't ask you without thinking it through
What you need is the perfect housewife.
I can't be that. It's not me.
Hey...

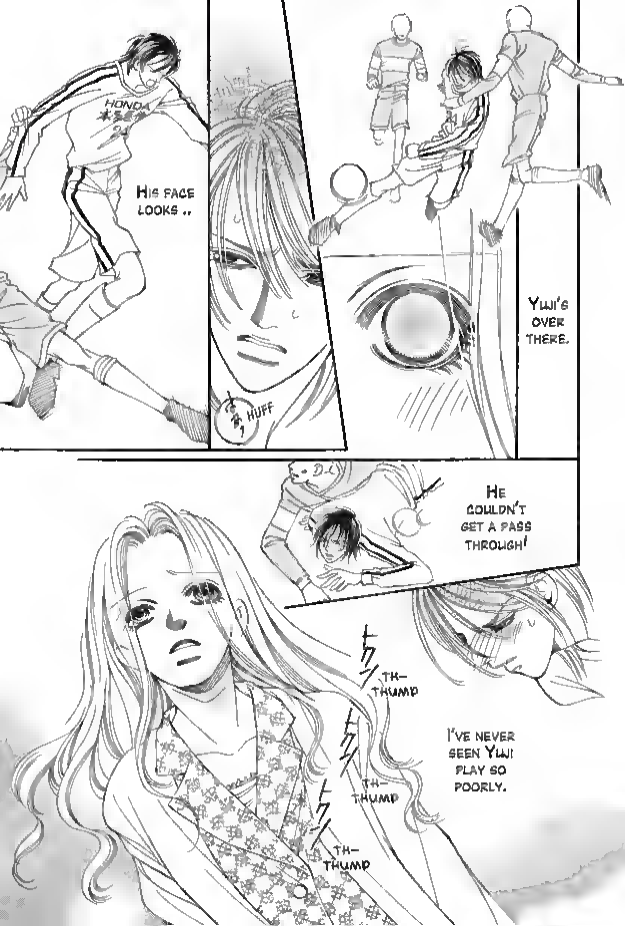
How we are now is more important to me...
than the future!
And soccer is more important to you now!
What are you saying?!
You came here to tell me that?
There are lots of things.
I've heard enough
You shouldn't have asked me to marry you!
You idiot!!
SOB
SOB
SOB

He doesn't even care that I hurt myself!
Ow!! My ankle
I'm fine.
WHOMP
Eeeek!
Chisa...
I don't wanna care about Yuji anymore!

FLUMP
SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT
12
Go to Yuya's game! XXOO
It's my first time as a starter!
You gotta come and watch me!
He'll be fine without me.
What he needs to do is go play with his balls!

It's not fair. Why do I have to worry about us?
Will it END like this?
Totally spacing out
I'm not going! Not ever!!
Glance


WHOOSH
MAYBE HE'S HURT...!
Chisa? Where are you?!
In my room
What?! Yuji's not doing well at all
Whatever Get over here!
No way That can't be true.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
RAH
RAH


HONDA
His face looks ..
Huff
Yuji's over there.
He couldn't get a pass through!
Th-thump
Th-thump
Th-thump
I've never seen Yuji play so poorly.

Can I borrow this?
Huh?
He always plays well.
Yuuuji!
Yuuuji!
Go Yuji!!
Yujiiiii!!

You're late!
Was he worried about us?
YOU BET-HE.DID!!
Wow, he suddenly got his second wind!
Did he worry, the way I did?
That's the Yuji I know!

HMM
I must've looked pretty stupid out there.
I've never seen you play like that.
I wanna be a great player and earn more money
—but my position is tough and I'll probably have to retire earlier than most of the other players
So I wanted a *partner*

That's why I asked you to marry me now
Maybe it was too soon.
I had no idea that you were thinking about all that.
Do you really think that I'm the right one to be your partner?
I love you. It's gonna be you.

Remember what you said to me when we were teenagers?
That's when I...
"I love to watch you play!"
You were so cool, then.
...fell in love with you.
You were amazing!
You were also today, too.
Chisa...
...you're honest with your feelings. You're emotional...

What about me? Am I OK for you?
You like me the way I am?
I can trust you because of that
Is that a good thing or a bad thing?
Mmm
Umm...

SQUEEZE
SOB
What's wrong?
I'm so happy we're together
Were you afraid of losing me?
Did you miss me?

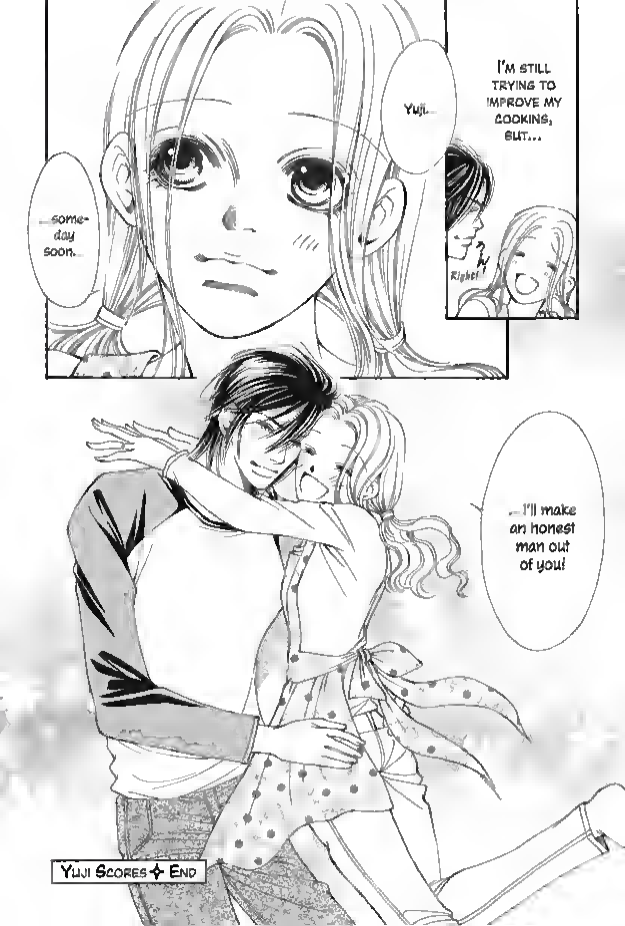
TREMBLE
PANT
PANT
Yuji...!
Uhn
RUB
You're wetter than ever! ♡
Ahh!

Oh!!
Yes.. !
I can make you even more wet
Yes!
Uhmmm!
Put it in!
Now!
Yum!!

PANT
PANT
Ahh!
PANT
Make me come, Yuji!!

Ahhh!!
!!
I love you, Chisa.
Yes...!
Oh.
I'm close...!!
Ah..!
Uhn...!

I don't know why...
This fried chicken is half raw...
Huh?
Way too salty.
SINK
Will I ever be a good cook?
DAT
You're learning...
...right?


I'M STILL TRYING TO IMPROVE MY COOKING, BUT...
Yuji...
Right!
...someday soon...
...I'll make an honest man out of you!
YUJI SCORES ✧ END

Postscript

In ***Pretty Poison***, sometimes I found myself wondering what would happen to Riyako and Shogo after the end of the story, and this is what I came up with. Shogo becomes an actor but can't find time to be with Riyako because of his work, so he quits acting. Maybe Riyako is still at Shogo's beck and call, but is raising their baby properly. (Baby?!) Anyway, they're happy with each other. Being together is what makes them happiest! Right? ♡

In ***Yuji Scenes***, Chisa was an extremely easy character to portray. The part where Chisa can't cook well and fails at making simmered meat and potatoes is from a real-life event. The scene with the ring purchase is also from a personal experience. As I was putting Chisa onto the pages, I was surprised at how much she reflects my own personality. What will happen to this bubbly girl next? Chisa won't let anyone steal Yuji, who later becomes a star player on his soccer team. Those two characters were really easy to portray. I'm hoping to do more with them again someday, if I ever have the chance.

I used to think that readers only wanted wild sex scenes. But sex is better in real life, and no matter how wild I make the sex in a manga, it could never compare to the real thing. So, my stories are not just about sex, but about love, too. I always strive to draw "real" love. I want to portray the incredible feelings of not only physical love, but also the incredible feelings that couples have within emotional relationships.

Thank you to the editors who offered me this opportunity and to the readers who enjoy my stories. This is lonely work, and I could never do it without many others' help. I'm always reminding myself of that fact, and will keep trying to write better and better stories. Thank you very much!

♡ *Yutta Narukami*

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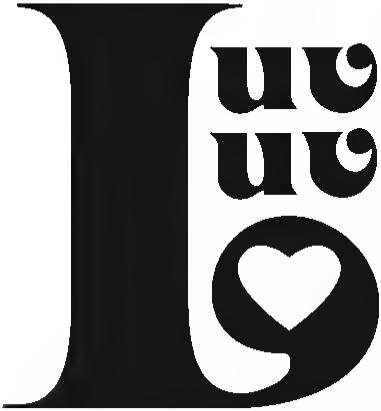

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